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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 resumed session

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Summary

At its 2011 resumed session, held from 16 to 24 May and on 16 June 2011, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 333 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 146 for consultative status, deferred 154 for further consideration at its regular session in 2012, recommended not to grant consultative status to 1 non-governmental organization and closed consideration without prejudice of 32 applications that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions. It also took note of one non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application. The Committee also had before it six requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting three of those requests. The Committee considered eight requests for change of name, taking note of all. It also had before it 174 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 154, including 15 reports of organizations that had been suspended in 2010 and whose consultative status had been reinstated upon receipt of the outstanding quadrennial reports. The Committee heard 28 representatives of the 34 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains seven draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 146 non-governmental organizations;

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(b) Note the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(c) Note that the Committee decided not to grant consultative status to one non-governmental organization;

(d) Reclassify the consultative status of three non-governmental organizations;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of eight non-governmental organizations;

(f) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 154 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 32 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions.

By draft decision III, the Council would suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 103 organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision IV, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of 16 organizations that had submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision V, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of 61 organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports.

By draft decision VI, the Council would approve the provisional agenda for the 2012 session of the Committee.

By draft decision VII, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision 1
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 146 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Abibimman Foundation

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Africa Development Interchange Network

Africa Youths International Development Foundation

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse

Aid the Children Network

Aide internationale pour l'enfance

AIDS Foundation East-West

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association de défense des droits de l'homme

Association des jeunes pour le développement Pasteef

Association Mondiale de Psychanalyse du champ freudien

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Batool Welfare Trust

Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"

Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité

Child Helpline International

Childlink Foundation

Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre

Clean Energy Promoting Citizen's Forum

Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos

Conservation Force

Consorcio Boliviano de Juventudes — Casa de la Juventud

Corrections India

Council for International Development

Crowley Children's Fund

Demokratyczna Unia Kobiet

Djenne Initiative

Ensemble luttons contre le sida

Environment Support Group

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement-Bwaise Facility

Equit Institute

European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation

Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

Finland National Committee for UN-Women

First Nations Summit

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS

Foundation for the Future

Free Africa Foundation (Ghana)

Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

Fundación Instituto de Cultura del Sur

Fundación País Libre

Gibh Varta Manch

Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun

Give to Colombia

Global Aid Network

Global Justice Center

Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)

Gong

Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant

Grupo Intercultural Almaciga

Gulf Research Center Foundation

Healthy Solutions

Helios Life Association

High Atlas Foundation

Human Rights House Foundation

Human Rights Law Resource Centre

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa

Hunt Alternatives Fund

Ilngwesi Afya Program

Independent Advocacy Project

Indian Muslim Council — USA

Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre

Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Institute of Noahide Code

International Action Network on Small Arms

International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

International Center for Alcohol Policies

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

International Council of Russian Compatriots

International Juvenile Justice Observatory

International Mahavira Jain Mission

International Reading Association

IOGT International

Isfahan Minority Rights and Development

Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights

Karat Coalition

Latter-Day Saint Charities

Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation

Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis

National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria: South West Zone

National Rural Development Society

Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development

Objectif Sciences International

OLPC Foundation

Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA)

Overseas Development Institute

Peace Family and Media Association

Plan Life

Policy Research

Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation

Program in International Human Rights Law

Project Green Nigeria

Real Medicine Foundation

Red ACTIVAS

Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC

Redress Trust

Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger

Restoration World Outreach Ministries

Rural Community Development Program

Safe Water Network

Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen

Self-Help Development Facilitators

Service d'appui aux initiatives locales développement

Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre

Shohratgarh Environmental Society

Social Development International

Society for Development and Community Empowerment

Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment

SOS Éducation

South Asian Forum for Environment

STEER Foundation

Stichting Feminenza Nederland

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Surfrider Foundation Europe

Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods

Udyama

Un Techo para mi País

Union internationale des voyageurs

United States International Council on Disabilities

Vision Welfare Group

Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

Women Founders Collective

Women's Alliance For a Democratic Iraq

Working Women Association

World Lebanese Cultural Union

Yale International Relations Association

Young People We Care

Youth Bridge Foundation

Youth Empowerment Synergy

(b) To note the withdrawal by the following non-governmental organization of its application for consultative status:

Centre for Psychology and Social Change[1]

(c) To note that the Committee decided to recommend not to grant consultative status to the following non-governmental organization:

International Lesbian and Gay Association

[1] See E/C.2/2011/CRP.15.

(d) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations:

(i) From the roster to special consultative status

United States Trademark Association

(ii) From special to general consultative status

Covenant House

Junior Chamber International

(e) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following non-governmental organizations:

China International Institute of Multinational Corporations (special, 2006) to China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations

International Union Against Cancer (Roster) to Union for International Cancer Control

African Child Care Association (special, 2008) to African Aid Organization

Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Culture (special, 1999) to Service and Research Institute on Family and Children

International Save the Children Alliance (general, 1993) to Save the Children International

World Movement of Mothers (general, 2004) to Mouvement mondial des mères international

World Population Foundation (special, 2004) to Stichting Rutgers WPF

Feminist Club (special, 2005) to Caucasian Feminist Initiative

(f) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 154 non-governmental organizations for the 2006-2009 and earlier reporting periods:[2]

Adolescent Health and Information Projects (2005-2008)

African Women Empowerment Guild (2005-2008)

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Ain o Salish Kendra

Airports Council International

All-Russian Society of Disabled People

Antioch Christian Centre

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Asian Institute of Transport Development

Association des femmes éducatrices du Mali

[2] Organizations that reported on the 2005-2008 period are indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Association européenne des cheminots

Association for Assistance to Families with Disabled Children

Association guinéenne pour la réinsertion des toxicomanes

Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts

Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Association of Presbyterian Women of Aoteaora (New Zealand)

Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme

Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (2005-2008)

Big Brothers Big Sisters International

Biopolitics International Organisation

Blagovest Centre of People's Help International Public Charitable Organization

Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

Canadian Federation of University Women

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (2005-2008)

Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action

Catholic International Education Office

Catholics for Choice

Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique

Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology

Centre for Women, the Earth, the Divine

China Disabled Persons Federation

China International Institute of Multinational Corporations

Chinese Immigrants Services

Christian Aid

Church World Service

Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement

Comite catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique

Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Couple to Couple League International

Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

DIYA All-Ukrainian Women's People's Democratic Association (2005-2008)

Eco-Ecolo

Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum

Education International

Engender

Ethiopian World Federation

European Union of Jewish Students

Families of Victims of Voluntary Disappearance

Family Research Council

Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia

Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Fondation européenne pour le développement durable des régions (2005-2008)

Fondation pour la promotion de la sante et le développement de la recherche (2005-2008)

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Fundación AlvarAlice

Fundación Teleton Mexico

General Arab Women Federation (2005-2008)

Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women

Global Rights (2005-2008)

Global Village for Rehabilitation and Development

Grail

Grassroots Organisations Operating Together in Sisterhood

Guild of Service

Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Hope for the Nations

Humanity First

Il Cenacolo

Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare

Institute for Security Studies (2005-2008)

Institute of Inter-Balkan Relations

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)

International Association for Human Values

International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation

International Cooperative Alliance

International Council of Psychologists

International Environmental Law Research Centre

International Higher Education Academy of Sciences

International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (2005-2008)

International Investment Centre

International League for Human Rights

International Lesbian and Gay Association — Europe

International Planned Parenthood Federation (Africa region)

International Psychoanalytical Association Trust

International Wages for Housework Campaign

Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization

IPAS

ISIS: Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange

Israel Women's Network

Italian Association for Women in Development

Japanese Association of International Women's Rights

Korean Federation for Environment Movement

Ladies Charitable Society

Leadership Watch

Lebanon Family Planning Association

Lighthouse International

Local Government for Sustainability

Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

Mariano y Rafael Castillo Córdova Foundation

MaterCare International

Mauritius Family Planning Association

Mennonite Central Committee

Mental Disability Rights International

Miramed Institute

Movimento Italiano Casalinghe

Movimiento Manuela Ramos

National Association for Resource Improvement

National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

National Congress of American Indians

National Coordinator for Human Rights

National Council on Family Relations (2005-2008)

National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations

National Federation of Women for Democracy

National Foundation for Women Legislators

National Rural Support Programme

New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties

Northern Alliance for Sustainability

Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America

Pan-African Women's Organization

Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association of Canada

People's Decade of Human Rights Education

Population Services International

Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini

Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe

Russian Academy of Natural Sciences

Russian Peace Foundation

Saviya Development Foundation

Secours populaire français

Social Ecology Foundation

Swedish Organisation of Disabled Persons International Aid Association

Tides Center

Union of Arab Jurists (2005-2008)

Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

Womankind Worldwide

Women's Environmental Development and Training

Women's Intercultural Network

Women's Political Watch

Women's Right to Education Programme

World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows (2005-2008)

World Leisure Organization

World Organization of the Scout Movement

World ORT Union

World Student Christian Federation

World Water Council (2005-2008)

Draft decision II
Closure of applications for consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions

The Economic and Social Council decides to close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 32 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, after three reminders over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

Africa Millennium Development Network

Agence de développement durable de Côte d'Ivoire

All Women's Empowerment and Development Association

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society

Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation

Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)

China Youth Development Foundation

Ducuum

European Window Film Association

Global AIDS Alliance

Global Conscience Initiative

Global Life Focus Network

Global Organization for Human Empowerment and Rights

Great Tao Foundation of America

Happy Hearts Fund

Jananeethi

Jordan Career Education Foundation

Jordanian Women's Union

Kita Chosen Nanmin Kyuen Kikin

Life Academy of Vocational Studies

Microbase

Mouvement des entreprises de taille humaine, industrielles et commerciales

NGO Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi

Peacebuilders

People's Life Centre

SAHIL

Sisterhood Agenda

Somali Community Access Network

Sree Research and Charitable Trust

World Council of Press

World Toilet Organization

Draft decision III
Suspension of consultative status of non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2011 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports of their reporting obligation and had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2011, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the consultative status of the 103 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of their suspension.

Non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, listed pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

A Woman's Voice International

Action for Integrated Rural and Tribal Development Social Service Society

Advisory Commission of the Evangelical Church in Germany

Advisory Committee for the Protection of the Sea

Africa Infrastructures Foundation

Africa Legal Aid

Africa Muslims Agency

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información

AIDS Alliance in Nigeria

All Africa Farmers Network

American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists

American Society of Criminology

Argentine Association of International Law

Asociación Conciencia

Assistance pédagogique internationale

Association algérienne de solidarité aux malades respiratoires

Association d'assistance aux grands handicapés à domicile

Association des études internationales

Association des parlementaires tunisiens

Association européenne contre les violences faites aux femmes au travail

Association femmes, enfants et développement

Association internationale des mouvements familiaux de formation rurale

Association marocaine d'aide à l'enfant et à la famille

Association marocaine d'appui à la promotion de la petite entreprise

Association marocaine de planification familiale

Association marocaine de solidarité et de développement

Association marocaine de soutien et d'aide aux handicapés mentaux

Association marocaine pour la promotion de la femme rurale

Association mauritanienne pour le bien-être et le secours de l'enfant et de la mère

Association of Language Testers in Europe

Association pour la défense des droits de la femme et de l'enfant

Azerbaijan Women and Development Center

Canada Family Action Coalition

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

Catholic Relief Services (United States Catholic Conference)

Center for Policy Alternatives

Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia

Centre d'études pour réaliser l'espoir de l'enfant du désert

Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement

Cercle de l'auto-promotion et de l'excellence

Chinese Women's Association of America

Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlements

Comité national d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme

Coordination des ONG féminines gabonaises

La Morada

Counterpart International

Croatian World Congress

Deutsche Welthungerhilfe

Drug Watch International

Eagle Forum

European Union of Women

EUROSOLAR Turkey

Femmes actives et foyer

Foster Care Organization International

Foundation for Democracy in Africa

Gaia Matter

Global Housing Foundation

Group 484

Hawa Society for Women

Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals

Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee

Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

International Association for Women's Mental Health

International Club for Peace Research

International College of Surgeons

International Education for Peace Institute

International Federation of Training and Development Organisations

International Forestry Students Association

International Organization for Peace, Care and Relief

International Possibilities Unlimited

International Women Count Network

Jose Marti Cultural Society

Kongres Wanita Indonesia

Korean Progressive Network-Jinbonet

Le forum pour l'intégration des migrants

Leadership for Environment and Development

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Mamta: Health Institute for Mother & Child

Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation

Maxim Institute

Mercury Institute

Mercy Corps International

Mouvement international pour le loisir scientifique et technique

National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan

National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

National Environmental Trust

Network of Ugandan Researchers and Research Users

Observatoire national des droits de l'enfant

Open Family Australia

Organisation internationale pour la réduction des catastrophes

Organisation tunisienne de jeunes médecins sans frontières

PRIDE Youth Programs

Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights

Pro femmes/Twese Hamwe

Rede de informações para o terceiro setor

Réseau d'information des ainées et ainés du Québec

Society for Initiatives in Rural Development and Environmental Protection

Society of Automotive Engineers

Traditions pour demain

Union pour la promotion de la femme nigérienne

United World Colleges

World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters

World Children's Relief and Volunteer Organization

Draft decision IV
Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that submitted outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2010/219 of 19 July 2010, to reinstate the consultative status of 16 non-governmental organizations listed below, which have submitted their outstanding quadrennial reports:

Adolescent Health and Information Projects

African Women Empowerment Guild

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace

DIYA All-Ukrainian Women's People's Democratic Association

Fondation européenne pour le développement durable des régions

Fondation pour la promotion de la santé et le développement de la recherche

General Arab Women Federaton

Global Rights

Innu Council of Nitassinan[3]

Institute for Security Studies

International Holistic Tourism Education Centre

National Council on Family Relations

Union of Arab Jurists

World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows

World Water Council

Draft decision V
Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4

Having confirmed at its resumed session in May 2011 that the Secretariat had reminded non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial

[3] The quadrennial report submitted by this organization was not considered by the Committee during the session due to documentation limitation. The report will therefore be considered by the Committee at its regular session in January 2012.

reports of their reporting obligation, whose status was suspended by Economic and Social Council decision 2010/218 of 19 July 2010, that it had advised them of the consequences of their further non-compliance after 1 May 2011, and that it had notified the permanent missions of the Member States in which the headquarters of such organizations are based of the final reminders, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, and recalling its decision 2010/218 of 19 July 2010, to withdraw immediately the consultative status of 61 non-governmental organizations listed below, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of this decision.

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Anti-Racism Information Service

Arab Women Solidarity Association

Association for Counselling, Organization, Research and Development

Association mauritanienne pour le développement et la protection de l'environnement

Association nationale pour l'appui à l'initiative féminine à la protection infantile et environnementale

Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka

Association pour le bien-être des habitants de Beau Vallon

Association tunisienne du planning familial

Association tunisienne pour l'auto-développement et la solidarité

Center for Cognitive Liberty and Ethics

Centre for Development Studies and Action

Comité algérien des droits de l'homme et des peuples

Commonwealth Medical Association

Congress of Black Women of Canada

Cooperation Ireland

Côte d'Ivoire écologie

Development Through Savings and Credit

Ecological Youth of Angola

Environment Liaison Centre International

Environmental Protection Society

European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

Federation of Arab Journalists

Femme — Jeunesse — Environnement — Santé

Foresight Institute

Forum for Human Dignity

Foundation for the Promotion and Protection of the Environment and Cultural Heritage

Friends of Disabled Association

Frontier Reconstruction Welfare Agency

Global Resource Action Center for the Environment

Indian Council for Child Welfare

Institution nationale de solidarité avec les femmes en détresse

International Association Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking

International Institute for Vital Registration and Statistics

International Islamic Charitable Organization

International Organisation for the Provision of Work for Persons with Disabilities and Who are Occupationally Handicapped

International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development

International Romani Union

International Sports Organization for the Disabled

Internews International

Irish Penal Reform Trust

Islamic World Studies Centre

LakeNet

Mother and Child African Relief Organization

National Aboriginal and Islanders Legal Services Secretariat

National Action Committee on the Status of Women (Canada)

National Anti-Poverty Organization

National Association of Women Organisations in Uganda

National Community Reinvestment Coalition

National Women's Justice Coalition

Organisation du renouveau de la prise de conscience féminine

Organizatia Pentru Apararea Drepturilor Omului

Organization of World Heritage Cities

Programme Support Unit Foundation

Reason Partnership

Rivers Club

Terre Vivante

Women's Society

World Council of Indigenous Peoples

World Psychiatric Association

World Union of Professions

Draft decision VI
Dates of and provisional agenda for the 2012 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decides that the 2012 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February and its resumed session from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June 2012;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda for the 2012 session of the Committee as set out below.

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2012 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

Draft decision VII
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 resumed session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2011 resumed session.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

1. The Committee considered item 3 (a) and (b) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 18th through 31st meetings, held from 16 to 24 May 2011. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2011/R.2/Add.17-28);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 1999 through 2011 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.6);

(c) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held in 2010 (E/C.2/2011/CRP.7);

(d) List of non-governmental organizations that did not submit their quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/CRP.13/Rev.1);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.8).

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

2. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from its previous sessions, at its 22nd to the 27th meetings from 18 to 20 May and on its 30th and 31st meetings held on 24 May 2011. The Committee considered a total of 216 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

3. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 88 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Abibimman Foundation

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Africa Development Interchange Network

Aid the Children Network

AIDS Foundation East-West

Alliance Forum Foundation

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia

Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Association of War-Affected Women

Association pour le développement durable

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Batool Welfare Trust

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité

Child Helpline International

Childlink Foundation

Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre

Corrections India

Council for International Development

Crowley Children's Fund

Ensemble luttons contre le sida

Environment Support Group

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility

Equit Institute

Finland National Committee for UN Women

First Nations Summit

Foundation for the Future

Free Africa Foundation

Fundación País Libre

Gibh Varta Manch

Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun

Give to Colombia

Godwing Osung International Foundation (The African Project)

High Atlas Foundation

Human Rights House Foundation

Human Rights Law Resource Centre

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa

Hunt Alternatives Fund

Ilngwesi Afya Program

Indira Gandhi Integral Education Centre

Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Institute of Noahide Code

International Action Network on Small Arms

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

International Center for Alcohol Policies

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

International Juvenile Justice Observatory

International Reading Association

IOGT International

Isfahan Minority Rights and Development

Karat Coalition

Mental Health Initiative for Africans in Crisis

National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria. South West Zone

National Rural Development Society

Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development

Overseas Development Institute

Policy Research

Program in International Human Rights Law

Project Green Nigeria

Real Medicine Foundation

Redress Trust

Restoration World Outreach Ministries

Rural Community Development Programme

Self-Help Development Facilitators

Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre

Shohratgarh Environmental Society

Social Development International

Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment

SOS Education

South Asian Forum for Environment

STEER Foundation

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods

Udyama

Un Techo para mi País

Union internationale des voyageurs

Vision Welfare Group

Western Cape Therapeutic Community Centre

Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center

Yale International Relations Association

Young People We Care

Youth Bridge Foundation

Youth Empowerment Synergy

Applications deferred

4. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 95 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2011 resumed session:

A Better Life Foundation

All India Christian Council

American Bible Society

Amuta for NGO Responsibility

Asia Catalyst

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact

Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum

Assyrian National Congress

Australian Lesbian Medical Association

Autonomous Women's Center

Baidarie

Bridging the Gulf

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

British Humanist Association

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara Occidental

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba

Center for Global Nonkilling

Centre for Human Rights

Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action

Defense Small Arms Advisory Council

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

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Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans

Erevna International Peace Center

European Humanist Federation

European Union Association in the United States

Foundation for GAIA

Foundation for Human Horizon

Freedom Now

Freemuse: the World Forum on Music and Censorship

Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad

Fundación Mamonal

Gender Links

GGS Institute of Information Communication Technology India

Global Economist Forum

Global Family for Love and Peace

Homosexuelle Initiative Wien

Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut

Human Rights Now

Indira Gandhi National Foundation

International Council for Human Rights

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Foundation for Electoral Systems

International Institute of Security and Safety Management

International Organization for Victim Assistance

International Prison Chaplains' Association

International Senior Lawyers Project

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Kashmiri American Council

Kerman Raad

Korean Bar Association

Kosmos Associates

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Kuchlak Welfare Society

Law Council of Australia

Lawyers for Lawyers

Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre

Mediators Beyond Borders

Mundo sin Guerras

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

New World Hope Organization

Odhikar — Coalition for Human Rights

Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh

PFI Foundation

Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Reality of Aid Network

Rural Development Organization

Scholars at Risk Network

Search for Common Ground

Second Amendment Foundation

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

Skyian Welfare Organization

Society for Research in Child Development

Solicitors' International Human Rights Group

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council

Sudanese Mothers for Peace

Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression

The Fishermen

Thin and High

Training for Women Network

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Widows for Peace Through Democracy

WITNESS

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation

World Igbo Congress

Yoga in Daily Life (United States of America)

International Foundation for Electoral Systems

5. At its 28th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

6. The representative of Cuba sought an explanation about the organization's involvement in drafting a manual about democratic transition in Cuba and the electoral system in the country and posed several questions regarding motivations to make a manual on Cuba without the request of the country.

7. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela posed further questions regarding the work of the non-governmental organization in her country and requested certificates of registration in Guatemala, Haiti and Nicaragua to clarify the organization's status in those countries.

8. The representative of Peru stated that the application of the non-governmental organization had been deferred for two years despite the fact that it met the requirements under resolution 1996/31. He added that after that long period of time the non-governmental organization deserved a response from the Committee, underlining that the lack of a decision affected the efficiency of the work of the Committee. Based on those technical criteria, he then proposed a motion under rule 51 to close further debate and to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

9. The representative of Cuba opposed the motion on the grounds that responses from the non-governmental organization to questions posed by the Committee were still awaited. She also stated that International Foundation for Electoral Systems had issued inappropriate reports that called for a change of government in Cuba, that this was an illustrative example of interference in the internal affairs of a Member State and was detrimental to its sovereignty and that the non-governmental organization had thus acted contrary to Council resolution 1996/31. She also said that International Foundation for Electoral Systems was one of the organizations listed by USAID as a participant in a programme against Cuba that sponsored subversive plans against the country. She then called for a no-action motion on the proposal by Peru to keep reviewing the case until the Committee was fully satisfied with the answers.

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure, delegates from two Member States, namely China and the Russian Federation, spoke in support of the no-action motion proposed by Cuba. They stated that they believed in the right of all members as responsible States to ask questions and withhold action until the Committee was fully satisfied with the responses. They added that that was not only the right but the responsibility of the Committee. They also underlined that it was impossible to take an informed decision without having had a thorough dialogue with the non-governmental organizations that had submitted applications for consultative status.

11. The representatives of Bulgaria and the United States of America spoke against the no-action motion. The representative of Bulgaria stated that International Foundation for Electoral Systems had already undergone several rounds of questions, provided satisfactory answers to explain its work and clearly fulfilled the eligibility requirements under resolution 1996/31. The representative of the United States deplored the fact that procedural tactics were used to keep deferring the application instead of allowing members to vote on whether the non-governmental

organization met the criteria set out in resolution 1996/31. She further stated that the non-governmental organization had answered repeatedly that it did not operate in countries without the invitation of the host Government and that recent projects had included increasing accessibility to polling stations for those with disabilities.

12. The no-action motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 8 in favour, 6 against, with 4 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting.

In favour:

Burundi, China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

Abstaining:

India, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Senegal

Absent:

Mozambique

13. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in her statement after the vote, stated that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had serious and profound questions about the organization and needed clarification with regard to the investigations and complaints that had taken place regarding the actions of the organization in countries in the region, including in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The representative stated that for her delegation it was worrisome that a decision about the organization was being forced when the organization had been accused of acting covertly to serve its reprehensible and unacceptable interventionist goals while meddling in the internal affairs of its country, following the orders of its main financier. Those actions infringed upon the spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations.

14. The representative of Turkey explained that his delegation had voted against the no-action motion because it believed that the Committee should take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions and, sharing the concern of some delegations that the Committee should not choose arbitrarily which applications to act upon, also believed that the Committee should adopt objective criteria in order to prevent endless discussions and further polarization of the Committee.

15. The representative of Pakistan stressed that voting in favour of the no-action motion was not a judgement on the substance of the non-governmental organization or its activities, but rather an affirmation of the principled position that each Committee member had a right to ask questions of any non-governmental organization in order to get satisfactory responses.

16. The representative of the United States of America once again expressed her concern that certain members of the Committee were using procedural tactics to obfuscate issues instead of evaluating non-governmental organizations on substance and using resolution 1996/31 as a guiding principle. She further stated that it was unacceptable to have the door of the United Nations closed to such a reputable non-governmental organization.

17. The representative of Peru expressed the hope that the Committee would recommend consultative status for the non-governmental organization as soon as it had received answers to the new questions posed to it today. He added that his delegation supported the proposal by the delegation of Turkey on the need to take action on applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions. Likewise, the representative of Israel expressed support for the work of the non-governmental organization and said her delegation would also be willing to recommend consultative status. She also supported Turkey's intervention regarding the necessity to take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions.

18. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that the Russian Federation looked forward to continuing the dialogue with the non-governmental organization, with a view to adopting a final decision in due course.

19. The representative of India stated that the non-governmental organization should be given an appropriate opportunity to respond to the questions raised by the Committee.

20. Following the outcome of the vote, further consideration of the non-governmental organization was deferred to the next session of the Committee.

International Lesbian and Gay Association

21. At its 29th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Lesbian and Gay Association.

22. The representative of Burundi stated that the non-governmental organization still avoided answering directly on the questionnaire that had been submitted to it with the agreement and the approval of all the members of the Committee, since some of the non-governmental organization members had been accused of acts of paedophilia, which in 2002 had led the Committee to close consideration of its application by consensus. The refusal of the non-governmental organization to collaborate with the Committee was by now notorious. She added that the questionnaire was not discriminatory — as the non-governmental organization was describing it — since it had been addressed to the organization not in the context of the organization's objectives but only because of the facts for which it had been reproached. She requested that the non-governmental organization respond by submitting the questionnaire.

23. The representative of Belgium stated that the case of the International Lesbian and Gay Association was well known to the Committee. The non-governmental organization was making its third request for consultative status; it had done so in 1999, 2005 and 2009 and since the issue of the questionnaire was familiar to all, the non-governmental organization deserved a response from the Committee. He reiterated that the non-governmental organization had been harassed and discriminated against and that it was time for the Committee to move directly to a vote under rule 51.

24. The representative of Senegal stated that at the current point, since the non-governmental organization was challenging the Committee by refusing categorically to respond to the questionnaire sent unanimously by the Committee, it would not be possible to grant consultative status. He added that the practice in the Committee was to defer consideration of the application of any non-governmental

organization that had not responded to the questions posed by the delegations. He thus stated that his delegation, along with those of Burundi, Morocco and the Sudan, called for a no-action motion in response to the request by Belgium to take action on the non-governmental organization. He concluded by saying that those delegations would objectively take action on the non-governmental organization once it responded to the questionnaire.

25. With regard to the rules of procedure, the representatives of the Sudan and the Russian Federation spoke in favour of the no-action motion. The representative of the Sudan stated that it was standard procedure for non-governmental organizations to respond to the queries of the Committee and that the non-governmental organization should have responded to the aforementioned questionnaire by now. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that his delegation was also in favour of the proposal since the non-governmental organization had not responded to the questions posed, in keeping with the mandate of the Committee, and that it was important for the Committee to conclude the dialogue with a non-governmental organization before taking a responsible and informed decision on an application.

26. The representatives of Israel and Bulgaria spoke against the no-action motion. The representative of Israel stated that the organization was not new to the Committee, having received consultative status in 1993 and then having been suspended in 1994, after which time it had applied three times for consultative status. The representative of Bulgaria stated that the application had been pending for more than 10 years and that the non-governmental organization had already answered numerous questions posed to it by the Committee. She expressed her concern that a discriminatory approach had been systematically used towards the non-governmental organization in order to prevent the Committee from taking a decision on the substance, and that for that particular reason the decision had been delayed for a number of years.

27. The result of the no-action motion under rule 50 of the Council led to a tie, based on a roll-call vote of 7 in favour, 7 against and 4 abstaining. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The Chair explained that under rule 71 when the vote is equally divided, the proposal for a motion is considered rejected. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Burundi, China, Morocco, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan

Against:

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Absent:

Cuba

28. Following the vote, the Chair proceeded with the vote to grant consultative status to the organization, as proposed by the representative of Belgium, under rule 59 of the Council. The representative of Senegal then asked for a roll-call vote on whether to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

29. The roll-call vote for granting status followed, resulting in 8 votes against, 7 in favour and 3 abstentions. Eighteen of the 19 members of the Committee were

present and voting. The proposal to recommend granting consultative status to the non-governmental organization, International Lesbian and Gay Association, was thereby rejected.

In favour:

Belgium, Bulgaria, India, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

Against:

Burundi, China, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan

Abstaining:

Mozambique, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Absent:

Cuba

30. The voting was followed by statements from Member States. The representative of the United States of America explained that the reason her delegation had voted to grant status to the non-governmental organization was because the non-governmental organization had sought to prevent discrimination towards an organization based on sexual orientation and gender identity, which was in accordance with the criteria in resolution 1996/31. She stated her disappointment that the Committee was judging non-governmental organizations based on discriminatory grounds and stated that the United States would call on the Council yet again to do justice to the non-governmental organization as it had done in the past for other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender non-governmental organizations.

31. Along similar lines, the representative of Bulgaria stated that her delegation was disappointed with the outcome of the vote because it amounted to a discriminatory approach that had prevented the Committee throughout its history from recommending even a single lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization for status.

32. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in her statement after the vote, indicated that based on article 21 of the country's National Constitution (1999) and the legal interpretation of its Supreme Court, discrimination motivated by race, sex, religion, social condition or any kind of discrimination, including sexual orientation, was prohibited. The National Legislative Assembly was currently discussing a new organic law for gender equity and equality in order to specifically develop legislation regarding the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and, in that regard, encouraged the activism of non-governmental organizations and social movements that defended the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had stated that it was ready to grant consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association. However, it had abstained in both the motions for no-action and the vote on the application of the non-governmental organization because, according to the rules of procedures and the practice of the Committee, consultative status should not be granted to any organization while questions and enquiries were still pending from any member of the Committee. They regretted that the consideration of the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association had been closed because of the decision of some Member States to force a decision by threatening a vote.

33. The representative of Israel expressed her disappointment with the fact that the organization had been rejected because it dealt with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. While those were sensitive issues, the organization fully met the criteria contained in resolution 1996/31.

34. The representative of Belgium expressed a feeling of disappointment and shame that some delegations had hidden behind procedural tactics, instead of voting on substance. He acknowledged that there were differences of opinion on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues among Member States but that the non-governmental organization had complied with the criteria outlined in resolution 1996/31. He also said that while members of the Committee had the right to ask questions, it was also their responsibility to take a decision within a reasonable time frame.

35. The representative of Burundi said that it was regrettable that some members of the Committee, whose countries had been members of the Committee at various times when decisions on submitting the questionnaire to the non-governmental organization and on its suspension had been taken by consensus, had started to insist on the discriminatory character of the questionnaire.

36. The representative of the Sudan, in support of the representative of Burundi, stated that since questions posed to the non-governmental organization by the Committee were still pending, the non-governmental organization was obliged to respond to them.

37. The representative of Nicaragua stated that according to the constitution of her country, all individuals were equal before the law and had the same right to protection without any discrimination. Nicaragua was one of the few countries in the world that had a special office to promote and defend sexual diversity rights. Notwithstanding the above, her delegation abstained because of procedural considerations and out of respect for the right of Member States to ask appropriate questions and receive satisfactory responses from non-governmental organizations.

38. As a result of the vote, the Committee decided to recommend not to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization.

Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression

39. At its 30th meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression.

40. The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and China requested the non-governmental organization to provide documentation to prove that it was authorized to operate in the Syrian Arab Republic, and to submit answers to all outstanding questions.

41. The representative of the Sudan said that consideration of the non-governmental organization had raised concern among some of the members of the Committee since the Center was based in Paris but monitored sensitive issues, such as freedom of expression in the Syrian Arab Republic, without legal status in that country.

42. The representative of India noted that the non-governmental organization had not responded completely to a previous question posed to the organization.

43. The representative of the United States of America said that the non-governmental organization worked on human rights issues and freedom of expression and clearly fulfilled the requirements under resolution 1996/31. She maintained that the organization had already been deferred for more than two years, despite providing considerable documentation of its work and responding to more than 40 questions from the Committee, many of which were repetitive. She then called for immediate action to vote on the application of the non-governmental organization. She said it was clear that some delegations, including an observer delegation, were seeking to silence the non-governmental organization because they did not agree with the views of free speech put forward by the organization.

44. The representative of the Sudan then called for an adjournment of the debate on the non-governmental organization under rule 50 of the Council, citing the need to seek further clarification on the application and advising against taking hasty decisions that could potentially lead to its closure.

45. Pursuant to the rules of procedure, the representatives of Cuba and Nicaragua spoke in support of the motion by the Sudan to adjourn the debate. The representative of Cuba stated that there were still numerous doubts and misgivings among Committee members about the organization that had not been fully allayed. The representative of Nicaragua stated that the Committee could not grant consultative status to a non-governmental organization since some Member States still had doubts about the eligibility of the organization.

46. The representatives of Belgium and Bulgaria spoke against the motion. The representative of Belgium lauded the non-governmental organization for its good work and said that all its documents were in order. Under the circumstances, and after five rounds of questions and answers, the Committee had had sufficient time to make its decision. The representative of Bulgaria also underlined the fact that the non-governmental organization had provided clear-cut and thorough answers to numerous questions posed to it by the Committee, including an explanation about why it was not registered in the Syrian Arab Republic.

47. The no-action motion was passed by a roll-call vote of 10 to 6, with 3 abstentions.

In favour:

Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Peru, Turkey, United States of America

Abstaining:

Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Senegal

48. In making a general statement, the representative of Turkey explained that his delegation had voted against the no-action motion because it believed that the Committee should take action on all applications that had been deferred for more than four sessions and, sharing the concern of some delegations that the Committee should not choose arbitrarily which applications to act upon, that the Committee should adopt an objective criteria in order to prevent endless discussions and further polarization of the Committee.

49. In his statement after the vote, the representative of the Sudan stressed that any non-governmental organization working in the Syrian Arab Republic must be respectful of Syrian national integrity. The representative of Burundi emphasized that each delegation had the right to ask questions and receive satisfactory answers.

50. The representative of the United States of America said that her delegation was deeply disappointed by the outcome of the vote and regretted that some members had once again resorted to procedural tactics in order to avoid making decisions. She emphasized that her delegation would continue working to ensure that the voices of civil society were not silenced.

51. In her statement after the vote, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stated that her delegation had questions that needed to be answered by the organization. Her delegation reiterated that members of the Committee had the full right to ask any questions necessary of applicant organizations. The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela noted that taking decisions via force on certain non-governmental organizations — by applying a selective criteria — while there were hundreds of other non-governmental organizations still under consideration was against the practices and procedures established by the Committee.

52. The observer of France stated that the non-governmental organization had been founded in accordance with proper procedures in France and that its activities were in accordance with resolution 1996/31. Since its application had been deferred for two years, his country would request the Council to grant consultative status to the non-governmental organization in July 2011.

53. The observer of the Syrian Arab Republic stated that the sovereignty of her country must be upheld as a legitimate right of all Member States. She said that her country would not accept any interference by other States. She also mentioned that it was a legitimate question to ask why the non-governmental organization was registered in Paris but active in the Syrian Arab Republic.

54. Following the outcome of the vote, further consideration of the non-governmental organization was deferred to the next session of the Committee.

Applications closed without prejudice

55. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 32 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision II).

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

56. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification at its 18th to 25th meetings, from 16 to 18 May, and at its 28th through 31st meetings, on 23 and 24 May. The Committee considered a total of 117 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

57. Of the 117 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 58 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

Africa Youths International Development Foundation

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse

Aide internationale pour l'enfance

Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas

Association de défense des droits de l'homme

Association des jeunes pour le développement Pasteef

Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien

Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"

Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun

Clean Energy Promoting Citizen's Forum

Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos

Conservation Force

Consorcio Boliviano de Juventudes — Casa de la Juventud

Demokratyczna Unia Kobiet

Djenne Initiative

European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation

Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS

Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

Fundación Instituto de Cultura del Sur

Global Aid Network

Global Justice Center

Gong

Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant

Grupo Intercultural Almaciga

Gulf Research Center Foundation

Healthy Solutions

Helios Life Association

Independent Advocacy Project

Indian Muslim Council — USA

International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization

International Council of Russian Compatriots

International Mahavira Jain Mission

Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights

Latter-Day Saint Charities

Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation

Objectif sciences international

OLPC Foundation

Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas

Peace Family and Media Association

Plan Life

Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation

Red ACTIVAS

Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC

Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger

Safe Water Network

Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen

Service d'appui aux initiatives locales développement

Society for Development and Community Empowerment

Stichting Feminenza Nederland

Surfrider Foundation Europe

United States International Council on Disabilities

Women Founders Collective

Women's Alliance For a Democratic Iraq

Working Women Association

World Lebanese Cultural Union

New applications deferred

58. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 59 organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2011 resumed session:

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine

Afghan Poverty Relief

AIDS Accountability International

Al Taideed Cultural Social Society

alpesandes.org

American Council for World Jewry, Inc.

Arab Penal Reform Organization

Architects for Peace

Asociación de Amigos de las Naciones Unidas

Association for Social and Environmental Development

Association Graines de Paix

Association togolaise pour les Nations Unies

Asylum Access

AUA Americas Chapter

British Overseas NGOs for Development

Captive Daughters

Clean Up Australia

Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia

Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos — Reiniciar

Earth Day Network

Education For Employment Foundation

Ehsaas Foundation

GAiN International

General Forum of the Arabic and African Non-Governmental Organizations

Housing Works

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Christian Chamber of Commerce

International Covenant for the Protection of Journalists

International Partnership for Human Rights

International Services Association

Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst

Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights

Islamic Relief USA

Japan Water Forum

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Legal Aid Forum for Human Rights

Manavata

National Secular Society

NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq

Noble Institution for Environmental Peace

Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Society

People for Successful Corean Reunification

Rainforest Partnership

Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited

Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway

Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba Memorial Foundation

Sveriges Kvinnolobby

Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung für technische Entwicklungs-zusammenarbeit

Trustees of Boston University

United Hatzalah

Universal Education Foundation

UPR Info

Voluntary Service Overseas

WOOMB International

World Alliance for Youth Empowerment

World Hunger Year

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Zambian International Health Alliance

ZOA Vluchtelingenzorg

Requests for reclassification

59. At its 29th meeting, on 23 May 2011, the Committee considered six requests for reclassification of consultative status, which included one new request for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2011/R.3/Add.1, and five deferred requests for reclassification, contained in document E/C.2/2011/CRP.8. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for three organizations, including one from the Roster to special consultative status and two from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)).

60. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations:

International Diabetes Federation

International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations

Family Health International

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

61. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May 2011, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period from 1999 to 2010, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2011/CRP.7). Of the 19 reports, the Committee took note of 1 of at the current session. The Committee also decided to defer consideration of two of the reports contained in the list of new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2/Add.17-32). Accordingly, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the following 20 quadrennial reports from 15 organizations:

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (2006-2009)

Centrist Democratic International (1994-1997), (1998-2001), (2002-2005), (2006-2009)[5]

CIVICUS — World Alliance for Citizen Participation (2004-2007)

Freedom House (2003-2006)

Human Rights Watch (2005-2008)

Interfaith International (2006-2009)[6]

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International Network of Liberal Women (2003-2006)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004), (2005-2008)[7]

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

[4] See E/C.2/2011/2/Add.28.

[5] The name of the organization was Christian Democratic International until 1997. It subsequently changed its name to Centrist Democratic International and submitted reports for different reporting periods. There therefore, are a total of 20 deferred quadrennial reports from 15 non-governmental organizations.

[6] See E/C.2/2011/2/Add.20.

[7] The non-governmental organization has submitted reports for two reporting periods.

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontiers international (2005-2008)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004), (2005-2008)[7]

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

62. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing 155 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/2/Add.17-32). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 153 of those organizations and 1 from the list of previously deferred quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2011/CRP.7) for a total of 154 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (f)).

C. Suspension of consultative status of organizations that have failed to submit their quadrennial reports for one or more consecutive reporting periods

63. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b). The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that had not fulfilled the requirement to submit quadrennial reports in 2010, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4. The Secretariat had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

64. In this regard, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council suspend, for a period of one year, the consultative status of 103 non-governmental organizations that had failed to submit quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 (see chap. I, draft decision III). The Committee further requested the Secretariat to advise the concerned organizations of the suspension of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

D. Reinstatement of consultative status of non-governmental organizations that had been previously suspended due to non-submission of their quadrennial reports

65. At its 26th meeting, on 20 May, in accordance with Council resolution 2008/4 and Council decision 2010/219, the Committee decided to recommend reinstatement of the consultative status of 16 organizations upon receipt of their pending quadrennial reports prior to the termination of the suspension period (see chap. I, draft decision IV).

E. Withdrawal of consultative status of organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports

66. At the 26th meeting, on 20 May, the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had sent several notifications to non-governmental organizations that were already on the list of organizations suspended for one year due to outstanding quadrennial reports, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4, and that it had failed to receive any response from 61 of those organizations. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it had also sought assistance from the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

67. Accordingly, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the 61 non-governmental organizations with continued outstanding quadrennial reports, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Council resolution 2008/4 and recalling decision 2010/218 (see chap. I, draft decision V). The Committee further requested the Secretary-General to advise the concerned organizations of the withdrawal of their consultative status and to inform the permanent missions to the United Nations of the countries where the non-governmental organizations had their headquarters.

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

68. At its 18th meeting, on 16 May 2011, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

69. The Branch highlighted the need for increased resources to provide much-needed financial and human resources support to the paperless system, with a focus on maximizing its efficiency in meeting the increased workload of the Committee. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that in order to adequately support all complementary areas of resolution 1996/31, the Committee should consider ways to support the Branch's efforts in the coming months.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Other related matters

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

70. Deliberations of the Informal Working Group of the Committee were held on 4 May 2011 to discuss the methods of work of the Committee. However, a number of delegations requested more time to consider the issues that were highlighted and the Committee agreed to continue further discussion of that matter at a later stage.

Statements by non-governmental organizations at the substantive session of 2011 of the Council

71. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee took note of the requests submitted by the following 55 non-governmental organizations[a] in consultative status to be heard by the Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2011 (see E/C.2/2011/CRP.14):

Africa Humanitarian Action (special, 2008)

African Citizens Development Foundation (special, 2009)

Associazione Casa Famiglia Rosetta (special, 2009)

AVSI Foundation (general, 1996)

Baha'i International Community (special, 1970)

Biopolitics International Organisation (special, 2006)

Buddha's Light International Association (special, 2003)

CARE International (general, 1991)

Cause première (special, 2010)

Center for Practice-Oriented Feminist Science (special, 2001)

Concerned Women for America (special, 2001)

Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (general, 2002)

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (special, 2007)

Dianova International (special, 2007)

Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia (special, 2010)

Education International (special, 1950)

[a] Current status and year in which the organization was granted status appear in parentheses after the organization's name.

Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (special, 2007)

European Disability Forum (special, 2003)

Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme (special, 2009)

Foundation for Subjective Experiments and Research (special, 2008)

Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (general, 2004)

Franciscans International (general, 1995)

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society (special, 2010)

Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (special, 1993)

International Alliance of Women (general, 1947)

International Association for Religious Freedom (general, 1995)

International Association of University Presidents (special, 1993)

International Buddhist Relief Organisation (special, 2000)

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (special, 1989)

International Eurasia Press Fund (special, 2007)

International Federation "Terre des hommes" (special, 1987)

International Federation of University Women (special, 1947)

International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (special, 1961)

International Forum for Child Welfare (special, 1995)

International Movement ATD Fourth World (general, 1991)

International Network of Liberal Women (special, 2003)

International Save the Children Alliance (general, 1993)

Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco (special, 2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (special, 2010)

Legiao da Boa Vontade (general, 1999)

Leonard Cheshire Foundation (special, 2006)

Native Women's Association of Canada (special, 2005)

New Future Foundation (special, 2008)

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (special, 2000)

Planetary Association for Clean Energy (special, 2004)

Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation (special, 2010)

Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (special, 2001)

Soroptimist International (general, 1984)

United Network of Young Peacebuilders (special, 2010)

Women's Health and Education Organization (special, 2008)

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (general, 2000)

World Information Transfer (general, 2002)

World Jewellery Confederation (special, 2006)

World Vision International (general, 2004)

World Youth Alliance (special, 2004)

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

72. There were no special reports for the Committee's consideration at the present session.

VII. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2012 session of the Committee

73. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee considered item 9 of its agenda and had before it the draft provisional agenda for its 2012 session (E/C.2/2011/L.3).

74. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council the following dates for the sessions in 2012: from 30 January to 8 February and on 17 February for its 2012 regular session and from 21 to 30 May and on 8 June for its 2012 resumed session.

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

75. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2011 resumed session from 16 to 24 May 2011 and on 16 June 2011. The Committee held 15 meetings (18th to 32nd).

B. Attendance

76. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/C.2/2011/INF/3.

77. At its 2011 resumed session, the Committee heard 28 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

78. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May, the Committee designated Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

79. The agenda (E/C.2/2011/1) for the 2011 regular and resumed sessions reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2012 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

80. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee approved its programme of work as contained in document E/C.2/2011/L.3.

E. Documentation

81. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2011 resumed session will be issued in document E/C.2/2011/INF/3.

IX. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2011 resumed session

82. At its 31st meeting, on 24 May 2011, the Committee took note of the draft report as contained in document E/C.2/2011/L.4 and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

83. At its 32nd meeting, on 16 June 2011, the Committee adopted the present report.